



# News from Norma

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Hello! Happy Holidays to all of our friends from the USA and other areas of the world.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you about all of the wonderful things that we have accomplished throughout the year of 2007.

## Progress in 2007

With the financial support of USAID we inaugurated the Mocoron Jr. High. Three hundred children are so happy to have a place where they can go and receive their education without worrying that the rain or other matters will stop their everyday education. We'd like to



thank USAID for helping these children have a better future.

Children of the village of Cocota have received much needed school supplies, medicine, clothes, shoes and personal items because of the special



effort of many organizations in Arlington. Thank you to the Lions Club, the Rotaries, Kiwanis, and many schools and special friends for your contributions. These children would not have these necessary items without your help.

Sports are so important for the children in these villages. They are the happiest when they have a soccer ball in their hands. Remember them when you think about sending a present or when you come see us. Bring as many soccer balls and other sports items as you can for them.



Devie Richard, our Vice President came to Mocoron this summer and with the mothers, children, military and other members of the community they planted more than 500 trees. Many different species of trees were planted in different areas of the jungle and around the villages. With the help of the Kiwanis Club and David Stone, she is able to come every year to develop reforestation projects for the protection and preservation of the environment.



Our friends from San Antonio, Texas Mike Arnold and the Cross Trail Outfitters came back to Mocoron to build a home for a very special family. A very impoverished widowed woman with 6 children now has a beautiful, safe home where she and the children can sleep without worrying about the rain or wild animals disturbing them.





After Hurricane Felix, because of the heavy rains and high winds, many plantations of rice, yucca and bananas were destroyed. The Coco River flooded many villages throughout La Mosquitia in Nicaragua and Honduras. This



upcoming year will be very distressing for many families if they don't start planting their crops very soon. Because of the continuous rain we've had this year; the families have not been able to start planting their crops. We are hoping that by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> everyone will be in their plantations planting corn, beans and other crops.



Some of our dear friends from different areas of the US have donated money specifically to buy seeds. As of now we have already distributed over 1000 lbs. of corn seeds to different groups of women's organizations from different villages in the zone of Mocoron-Segovia. Special thanks to the Essex



Corp, George and Jeff from California, Jim Fujiyama and the Students Helping Honduras team.

The Rotary Organization is creating miracles with their water projects. Their help in purifying the water has made a huge impact on the people and their children. As of now the majority of families are free from intestinal viruses because their water has been purified by sand filters in the wells. The people of La Mosquitia are so grateful to the Rotary Club for bringing this project to fulfillment. The government has been working side by side with them in these health projects and we hope that next year they will develop more projects with the sand filters and water wells

Water Filter



We also want to say a special thank you to the Bilingual schools of San Pedro Sula for donating food, toys, and clothing for the children of La Mosquitia. Your donations were greatly appreciated.



Here is our list of special help needs and requests for the 2008 New Year.

All monetary donations can be made online through Pay Pal on our website at [www.normallove.org](http://www.normallove.org) and can be directly deducted from your taxes by using our non-profit tax id number, or you can mail it to:

Carlos R. Hernandez (Treasurer), 404 Rosemary Lane, Euless Texas 76039 or Tiffany Love, 5107 Atlantis Terrace, Arlington Texas 76016

Special Needs/Volunteer Request and Items:

Medical Brigades, Dentists, Computer instructors  
Arts and Crafts Instructor, Sewing instructor, Peace Corp volunteers  
School teachers to teach English or whatever subject they like  
School supplies, office supplies, sewing materials, first aid materials,  
Soccer balls, uniforms, tennis shoes and sports equipment

For Norma: A Moped to get around the nearby village  
Supplies for maintenance of the truck  
Supplies for the Computer Center

We need monetary donations to be able to afford all of these things. We are kindly asking our friends to continue supporting this great mission. We have made much progress and wish to continue furthering the hope, education and well being of future generations in La Mosquitia. We have begun to build a strong foundation but it will be many years before these families will be completely self-sufficient. This year, as every year, some of our friends have helped with Christmas donations. With this money we are able to buy cookies, refreshments, candy and piñatas to have a Christmas celebration in the main village of Mocoron. Please continue to remember us at Christmas so that our children can have something to celebrate and look forward to every year.

Feliz Navidad and have a Happy New Year 2008!!

“When life gets tough, always remember...  
Faith doesn't get you around trouble,  
It gets you through it.”

Love, Norma